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STUDENTS GET CHANCE TO SEND ART TO WASHINGTON

PIERRE, S.D. – The submission deadline for the 2020 Congressional Art Competition has been extended to May 11. The South Dakota Arts Council (SDAC) is now accepting entries on behalf of U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson.

The contest is open to all South Dakota high school students. The first-place winning entry will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the United States Capitol for one year. The winning artist will be invited to an opening reception in Washington, D.C. A flight credit on Southwest airlines will also be offered for student travel, as well as a \$3,000 scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design. The second-place winning entry will be displayed in Rep. Johnson’s Washington, D.C., office for one year.

The Arts Council will accept only digital submissions on behalf of Rep. Johnson. Students should send one email including a high-resolution JPEG image, along with a completed, typed PDF of the student release form to rebecca.cruse@state.sd.us. Submissions must be received by Monday, May 11. Winners will be notified by Thursday, April 14, and will be responsible for shipping their artwork and student release forms to the SDAC offices. The South Dakota Arts Council will have the artwork framed and will ship it to Washington, D.C., for the student.

Please review the artwork specifications and guidelines before submitting and, download the student release form at <http://artscouncil.sd.gov/CAC/index.aspx>.

The Congressional Art Competition is sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. It’s an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each congressional district. The South Dakota Arts Council partners with the Congressman’s Office to carry out this initiative.